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March 22, 2024

The Honorable Steven R. Jones Mayor, City of Garden Grove 11222 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, CA 92840

Re: Request to extend operating hours

Dear Mayor Jones,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits.

As previously discussed, the Diocese of Orange has been diligently organizing the annual "Marian Day" event since 2021. This cherished celebration, drawing Vietnamese faithful from Orange County, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernardino, and San Jose, has experienced remarkable growth over the years. In 2023, we were blessed to welcome approximately 20,000 attendees over two days, including a significant presence of out-of-state and international visitors.

This year, we are excited to announce that Marian Days will be held on Friday, July 12, commencing at 5:30 PM, featuring a captivating keynote speaker, a solemn mass, and delightful entertainment. The festivities will continue on Saturday, July 13, starting at 8:00 AM with mass, adoration, engaging workshops, a joyous procession, a closing mass, and further entertainment. Given the event's increasing popularity and the heightened demand from our faithful attendees, we kindly request an extension of operating hours until 11:00 PM, along with an adjustment to the amplified sound curfew. This extension will afford our attendees more time to relish the diverse culinary offerings at our food booths and immerse themselves in the rich cultural entertainment. While it is worth mentioning that our permit previously restricted operations until 10PM, the overwhelming response from the community necessitates this adjustment to ensure the continued success of Marian Days.

We eagerly await your thoughtful consideration of this request and are open to addressing any inquiries or suggestions to ensure the seamless compliance and success of Marian Days. I am happy to be reached at 714-620-7872, or bthai@christcathedralparish.org, should you require additional information. May God bless you always!

Respectfully yours,

Very Rev. Bao Thai

Rector of Christ Cathedral Parish

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